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1. EMBOFF CALLED AT FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF GOA NOTE OF JULY 18 WITH MEDIUM LEVEL OFFICIALS, INCLUDING HEAD OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS SIMPLY SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF THE NOTE AND OF GOA THINKING ON THE PROBLEM, AND WAS NOT SPEAKING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, DURING AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION, LITTLE LIGHT WAS SHED ON THE BASES FOR THE GOA POSITION. THEIR BASIC POINT SEEMED TO AN UNWILLINGNESS TO TAKE ANY FORWARD STEP BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION WHICH WOULD LEAVE AEROLINEAS IN A POSITION OF INEQUALITY WITH RESPECT TO US CARRIERS. THEY WERE UNIMPRESSED BY THE ARGUMENT THAT IF EACH SIDE TOOK A MORE OR LESS EQUAL STEP FORWARD, THE CARRIERS AND THE PUBLIC WOULD BE BETTER OFF, WITH NEITHER SIDE HAVING PREJUDICED ITS POSITION FOR THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WHEN THEY ARE RESUMED. THEY SAID THE GOA IS SEEKING RECIPROCITY, WHICH MEANS PRINCIPALLY EQUALIZATION OF FREQUENCIES.

3. EMBOFF SAID THAT WHAT WAS PRESENTED AS AEROLINEAS' "IMMEDIATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEEDS" WERE ACTUALLY A LARGE PART (IF NOT THE MAJORITY) OF

WHAT THE ARGENTINE SIDE HOPED TO GET THROUGH THE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE GOA OFFICIALS SIMPLY REITERATED THAT AEROLINEAS' "IMMEDIATE NEEDS" WERE REPRESENTED BY ALL OF THE NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS OF THEIR NOTE OF MAY 20, EXCEPT PARA 4.

4. IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION, THEY INDICATED THAT THE AEROLINEAS REFILING WAS DONE BY AEROLINEAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DNTAC, AND THE LANGUAGE HAD NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY.

5. THEY INDICATED READINESS TO HOLD TECHNICAL LEVEL CONSULTATIONS, EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR BUENOS AIRES, ON PUTTING THEIR PROPOSAL INTO EFFECT.

6. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THIS DID NOT RPT NOT CONSTITUTE A PROPOSAL FOR RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS AT THIS TIME.

7. THEY ASKED EMBOFF ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR AEROLINEAS' REFILING BEING FAVORABLY CONSIDERED. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT GOA REITERATION OF ITS POSITION OF MAY 20 WAS DISCOURAGING, AND IN HIS VIEW, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE REFILING WOULD BE GRANTED. DECON 7/30/75.
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